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MIEZAH
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1. TETTEH OF GHANA EMBASSY CALLED ON DESKOFF MARCH 1 TO
DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF BLAY-MIEZAH. HE SAID GHANAIAN
ATTORNEY GENERAL SENT LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTRY
INSTRUCTING MINISTRY TO DROP PLANS SEEK BLAY-MIEZAH'S
EXTRADITION. OTHER INFLUENTIAL GHANAIANS ALSO INVOLVED
IN EFFORT REABILITATE BLAY-MIEZAH. HOWEVER, TETTEH SAID
THIS CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN ABORTED, AND HE EXPECTS EMBASSY
EVENTUALLY WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM ACCRA TO
FORMALLY REQUEST EXTRADITION.

2. BLAY-MIEZAH OBTAINED COPY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
LETTER AND IS USING IT TO ATTEMPT PERSUADE AMERICAN
BUSINESSMEN THAT GHANA GOVERNMENT DROPPING CHARGES AGAINST
HIM. TETTEH SAID EMBASSY INVESTIGATING HOW BLAY-MIEZAH
OBTAINED THIS AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION DEALING WITH HIS
CASE FROM EMBASSY SOURCE.

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3. AFTER EMBASSY WROTE NUMEROUS AMERICAN FIRMS WARNING THEM OF BLAY-MIEZAH'S BACKGROUND, BLAY-MIEZAH MADE THREATENING TELEPHONE CALL TO EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, ACCORDING TETTEH. DESKOFF SUGGESTED EMBASSY PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH FULL DETAILS IN WRITING FOR FORWARDING TO INS AND POLICE AUTHORITIES. TETTEH EXPRESSED OPINION BLAY-MIEZAH CAPABLE OF DESPERATE ACT.

4. GOG AWARE BLAY-MIEZAH IN CONTACT WITH KROBO EDUSEI AND KANKAM-BOADU. TETTEH SAID ONE QUOTE HIGH PLACED GHANAIAN UNQUOTE EVEN REPORTED SEEING BLAY-MIEZAH IN ACCRA RECENTLY. CASEY

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